

FCC Commissioners
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I am writing to voice my concern, even alarm about the FCC's proposal to relax the restrictions on the use of cell phones on airplanes in flight.

First, we don't yet know that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments. Second, the introduction of cell phone use in the cabin will certainly increase tension among passengers (remember how annoying it is to listen to even one cell phone conversation in a restaurant? And that's an environment you can choose to leave. Now imagine three or five or seven conversations going on at once. Now imagine a full airplane. Now imagine a five hour flight.) It will compromise the airline's and the flight attendants' ability to maintain some kind of calm in many challenging situations ("You won't serve me another drink? I'm calling my lawyer." "This delay is ridiculous. I'm calling to find out what's really going on. And then I'm going to tell everybody here." Now imagine those interactions taking place with even slightly escalating volume. Times ten. Anxiety and frustration tend to be contagious. Third, cell phone use could certainly enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively. Weren't they already effective enough on 9/11?

Please leave the current rules in effect.

Sincerely,

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Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Randy Cunningham